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1. GA PLENARY -- CONCLUDES SESSION

THE GA CONCLUDED ITS 32ND SESSION DEC. 21, HELD, IN
THE WORDS OF PRESIDENT MOJSOV (YUGOSLAVIA), "IN A SPIRIT
OF COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION OF INTERESTS, WITH-

OUT SHARP DIVISION AND POLARIZATION." THE 1978-79 PROGRAM BUDGET OF \$985,913,300 WAS ADOPTED 119-9(BLOC)-6(CUBA, FRANCE, ISRAEL, ITALY, ROMANIA, US), AND THE REVISED BUDGET FIGURE FOR 1976-77 OF \$789,488,900 WAS APPROVED 122(US)-9(BLOC)-4(CUBA, FRANCE, ISRAEL, ROMANIA). CLOSING STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY SRI LANKA ON BEHALF NONALIGNED, CAMEROON ON BEHALF AFRICAN STATES, PAPUA NEW GUINEA FOR ASIAN STATES, GDR FOR EASTERN EUROPEANS, VENEZUELA FOR LATIN AMERICAN STATES, CANADA ON BEHALF WESTERN EUROPEANS AND OTHERS, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN FOR ARAB STATES, AND AMB YOUNG FOR HOST COUNTRY. GA PRESIDENT MOJSOV REVIEWED THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

WHEN THE ASSEMBLY TOOK UP THE 1978-79 PROGRAM BUDGET, BELGIUM, ON BEHALF EC-9, POINTED OUT THAT THOSE STATES NEXT YEAR WOULD BE PAYING A QUARTER OF THE UN BUDGET OF NEARLY \$1 BILLION, EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN THE COST OF UN PROGRAMS, AND STATED MORE VIGOROUS STEPS WERE NEEDED TO MAKE BETTER USE OF RESOURCES. ISRAEL SAID IT COULD NO LONGER AGREE TO A BUDGET "SO INFESTED WITH PERNICIOUS ITEMS AND UNJUSTIFIABLE EXPENDITURES THAT ITS VERY PURPOSE HAD BEEN UNDERMINED." SYRIA, WHICH WOULD SUPPORT THE BUDGET, WAS SHOCKED TO HEAR A REPRESENTATIVE OF A "RACIST REGIME" INSULT THE UN, AND ALSO MENTIONED THE US ALONE PAID "THE ZIONIST REGIME" \$2 BILLION YEARLY. USSR COMPLAINED THAT CONTRIBUTIONS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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MEMBER STATES TO THE UN CONTINUED TO BE SPENT INEFFECTIVELY, UNECONOMICALLY, AND EVEN FOR PURPOSES INCONSISTENT WITH THE CHARTER. THE SOVIET UNION WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER WITHHOLDING FROM ITS SHARE OF THE BUDGET AMOUNTS RELATED TO THE TRANSFER OF EXTRABUDGETARY POSTS TO THE REGULAR BUDGET AND IT BORE NO FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCING OF THE UN BOND ISSUE.

THE GA DECIDED TO LIMIT MOST HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF UN EXPERT BODIES TO ECONOMY CLASS WHEN FLYING ON UN BUSINESS FOR FLIGHTS OF LESS THAN NINE HOURS, 98-7(ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, IRAN, LIBYA, MAURITANIA, NIGER, TOGO)-30. THE SYG AND ONE DELEGATION MEMBER FROM EACH STATES TRAVELLING TO AND FROM A GA SESSION WILL RETAIN THEIR ENTITLEMENT TO FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL REGARDLESS OF LENGTH OF THEIR FLIGHT. URUGUAY INTRODUCED AN AMENDMENT TO REINSTATE FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL FOR UNDER SECRETARIES GENERAL AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES GENERAL REGARDLESS OF DURATION OF FLIGHT, AND IT WAS DEFEATED 56-57(US)-21. SAUDI ARABIA PROPOSED TO HAVE TIME LOST IN FLIGHT DELAYS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN DETERMINING WHETHER A FLIGHT WAS LONG ENOUGH TO WARRANT A FIRST-CLASS TICKET, BUT DID NOT PRESS IT

AFTER THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THE SECRETARIAT AGREED TO TAKE THE PROPOSAL INTO ACCOUNT IN IMPLEMENTING THE RESOLUTION ON FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL. DURING THE DISCUSSION THE URUGUAYAN AMENDMENT WAS SUPPORTED BY SPAIN, SAUDI ARABIA AND THE UK, AND OPPOSED BY BARBADOS AND SENEGAL.

NUMEROUS OTHER COMMITTEE 5 RESOLUTIONS WHICH WERE ADOPTED INCLUDED: PROPOSING A PERMANENT ARABIC TRANSLATION SECTION AT GENEVA -- 123-0-12(8 BLOC, US, AUSTRALIA, ETHIOPIA, ISRAEL); IMPROVEMENTS AT UN HEADQUARTERS -- 126-10(BLOC, CUBA)-0; FINANCING OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1978 -- 122-0-13(BLOC, CUBA, ISRAEL, US).

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AMONG OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN, THE GA AUTHORIZED THE SYG, WITH ACABQ CONCURRENCE, TO TRANSFER FUNCTIONS AND RELATED CREDITS BETWEEN SECTIONS OF THE 1978-79 PROGRAM BUDGET TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE DECISIONS ON RESTRUCTURING -- 127(US)-0-10(BLOC). THE GA NOTED "WITH APPRECIATION" THE

SYG'S PLANS TO FREEZE THE SALARIES OF GENEVA GENERAL SERVICE STAFF -- 125-9(BLOC)-0. SALARY OF \$99,350 A YEAR (\$53,200 NET) FOR THE PROPOSED NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION WAS ENDORSED -- 127(US)-9(BLOC)-2(CUBA, VIETNAM).

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THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS WERE APPROVED: ACABQ -- EL-HOUDERI (LIBYA), KEMAL (PAKISTAN), WILLIAMS (PANAMA), AND PALAMARCHUK (USSR) TO FILL THE BALANCE OF GRODSKY'S (USSR) TERM EXPIRING DEC. 31, 1978; INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION -- HILLIS (UK), MATUSHI (JAPAN), PIMENTAL (BRAZIL), PLIHON (FRANCE), AND MRS POSTON (US). THE GA ALSO TOOK NOTE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF GUATEMALA TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE PEACEKEEPING COMMITTEE.

THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT SINCE IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT REGARDING THE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UN SPECIAL FUND FOR LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND SINCE NO CANDIDATES HAD BEEN PUT FORWARD BY REGIONAL GROUPS, HE SUGGESTED THE GA DEFER THE ELECTION TO THE 33RD GA. IT WAS SO DECIDED. BECAUSE ONE REGIONAL GROUP HAD NOT SUBMITTED CANDIDATES, HE DEFERRED ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES, AND SAID HE WOULD ALSO ANNOUNCE LATER THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXPANDED OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-USE OF FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

THE GA ALSO NOTED SECTIONS OF THE ECOSOC REPORT AND DECIDED TO RETURN THE STATUTE OF THE INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING TO THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA FOR CONSIDERATION AND REVISION IN THE LIGHT OF SECRETARIAT PROPOSALS.

2. COMMITTEE 5 - CONCLUDES WORK

LATE DEC. 20 THE COMMITTEE CONCLUDED ITS WORK FOR THE SESSION AFTER RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A 1978-79 PROGRAM

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BUDGET OF \$985,913,300, WHICH IS 24.9 PERCENT ABOVE THE REVISED BUDGET OF \$789.5 MILLION APPROVED FOR 1976-77. THE COMMITTEE HELD 33 RECORDED VOTES ON INDIVIDUAL SECTIONS

OF THE BUDGET, AND THE VOTE ON THE TOTAL 1978-79 BUDGET WAS 90-9(BLOC)-6(CUBA, FRANCE, ISRAEL, ITALY, ROMANIA, US). ESTIMATES OF INCOME OTHER THAN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBER STATES, IN AMOUNT OF \$174,118,200 WERE APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION; THUS, THE NET BUDGET, ROUGHLY THE AMOUNT MEMBER STATES WILL BE ASKED TO PAY, WOULD BE \$811,795,100.

IN EXPLAINING US ABSTENTION, CONGRESSMAN WOLFF REMARKED THAT THE US HAD BEEN ABLE TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF NO MORE THEN 60 PERCENT OF THE GROSS EXPENDITURE, EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN AND ALARM AT THE RATE OF INCREASE IN THE COST OF OPERATION OF THE UN, AND SAID MEANS MUST BE FOUND TO CONTAIN IT. IT WAS NECESSARY TO RESTRICT EXTRAVAGANT PROGRAMS AND TO RESCHEDULE THE ASSESSMENTS OF MEMBER STATES REALISTICALLY. IF THAT WAS NOT DONE, "MY GOVERNMENT WILL BE COMPELLED TO CONSIDER VERY SERIOUSLY VOTING AGAINST THE FULL UN BUDGET PRESENTATION IN THE FUTURE," WOLFF CONCLUDED.

AKASHI (JAPAN) OBSERVED "THERE ARE SOME WARNING SIGNS AS TO THE CONTINUED CONFIDENCE OF MEMBER STATES, PARTICULARLY THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS, IN THE WAY IN WHICH THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE UTILIZED BY THE ORGANIZATION." IN CLOSING, CHAIRMAN TALIEH (IRAN) SAID SOME NEW METHOD OF TACKLING THE IMMENSE WORKLOAD OF THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE DEvised, AND SUGGESTED ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO MEET INFORMALLY BETWEEN SESSIONS, WITH THE HELP OF THE SECRETARIAT, IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT NEW IDEAS.

3. APARTHEID COMMITTEE APPEAL FOR OPEC OIL EMBARGO --

CHAIRMAN HARRIMAN (NIGERIA), OF THE COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID, SENT AN APPEAL TO THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF UNCLASSIFIED

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